

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the title with the following replacement title:

DISTRIBUTED CALL CONTROL PROCESSING

BACKGROUND

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 19 with the following replacement paragraph:

Another example is when one user has a standard phone and the other is on a terminal on the hub. In that case the call comes into the gateway from the PSTN, to the gatekeeper, then to the terminal 16. The gatekeeper essentially acts as a proxy for the call protocol between the gateway and the terminal. Session initiation protocol calls work-word in a similar fashion.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 19 with the following replacement paragraph:

A network device 18 that may perform as a gateway 12, in accordance with the invention, is shown in Figure 2. The device has at least one port 20 that connects the network device to the gatekeeper and the communication system. A central processing unit (CPU) 22 handles the call control tasks, as mentioned above. The CPU 22 also accesses a memory 24, which stores data related to call control, such as which call processor (C/P) 26a-26n is handling which call. Note that the designation of 'n' as used here is not literal, in that there may be more than fourteen call processor boards 26, but in the mathematical sense that the variable 'n' is undetermined.